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Welcome to the OMHRC E*NEWS FLASH!, a monthly e-mail alert designed to provide a quick glance at what's new. Featured are new publications available through our Knowledge Center, new additions and enhancements to the Office of Minority Health Web site, and other bits of news you can use. For more information or to comment, contact Alan Enderson, web editor at 1-800-444-6472 ext. 277 or aenderson@omhrc.gov.

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Doctor Day Is On The Way!

September 21 is the third annual *Take A Loved One to the Doctor Day!* And, ABC Radio kicked off the event on Memorial Day, airing Public Service Announcements with messages from HHS Secretary Tommy Thompson and Surgeon General Richard Carmona.

There are messages about diabetes and heart health, and more. To get a preview of the messages, [click here](#). Check back frequently as soon we'll have messages en Español.

Now is the time to sign up to be a partner. [Click here](#) and fill out the form to join us in this all-important event. Check our Website ([click here](#)) to find out what other people and organizations are doing to make this Doctor Day even more successful than last year's.

Make sure that you share what you'll be doing for the Big Day. Your story and events will inspire others to follow your lead and help make health an every day topic in the community. And to help promote your event, we've developed the Doctor Day toolkit, complete with sample press releases, fact sheets and other ideas you can use to make your event a smash hit. ([Click here](#) to see the Doctor Day toolkit and download a copy for yourself.)

As you know, Doctor Day is designed to encourage those you love to visit a health professional or make an appointment to visit one. Visit our redesigned, easy-to-navigate Website at www.omhrc.gov/healthgap/2004drday.htm for all the latest information.

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President Issues Executive Order Reauthorizing AAPI Initiative, Appoints New Executive Director

On May 13, 2004, President George W. Bush signed a new Executive Order "Increasing Economic Opportunity And Business Participation Of Asian Americans And Pacific Islanders (AAPI)," an order that renews the President's Advisory Commission on Asian American and Pacific Islanders, and the Office of the White House Initiative on Asian American and Pacific Islanders. The Order is intended to provide equal economic opportunities for full participation of AAPI businesses in the economy where they may be underserved.

In addition, the President appointed Eddy R. Badrina the new Director of the White House Initiative on AAPI. Mr. Badrina is charged with coordinating all federal activities under the executive order. Mr. Badrina is also responsible for working with the White House and the President's Advisory Commission on AAPIs to advise the President on the needs and concerns of this population.

The White House Initiative on AAPI will now be housed at the Department of Commerce, Minority Business Development Agency. Previously, the Initiative was housed at HHS, Health Resources and Services Administration. The President's Advisory Commission on AAPI was reestablished and placed in the Department of Commerce.

To view the Executive Order, visit www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2004/05/20040513-2.html.

To view the President's Proclamation of May as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, visit www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2004/05/20040507-9.html.

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OMHRC Launches Redesigned "Closing the Health Gap" Web Site

The Office of Minority Health Resource Center has redesigned and launched its Web site "Closing the Health Gap." Extensive renovations to the site have resulted in a more intuitive site navigation system with all of the latest health information available with the click of a mouse.

The "Closing the Health Gap" site is part of an educational campaign designed to help make good health an important issue among racial and ethnic minority populations, who are affected by serious diseases and health conditions at far greater rates than other Americans.

Included on the site is information about health messages for African American communities, Hispanic Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and American Indians and Alaska Natives.

You can also find fact sheets, consumer health guides and information about diseases such as cancer, diabetes, heart disease, immunizations, stroke and HIV/AIDS. Plus, it's where you'll find everything you need to know about *Take A Loved One to the Doctor Day*.

For more information, visit www.omhrc.gov/healthgap.

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New HIV/AIDS Observances Toolkit Available

In June of 2004, the Office of Minority Health Resource Center published a unified toolkit designed to help organizations successfully promote local events for national AIDS/HIV observances. The toolkit contains sample press releases and interview availability announcements, as well as other promotional ideas. The resources can be customized for National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness and Information Day (February 7), HIV Vaccine Awareness Day (May 18), National HIV Testing Day (June 27), National Latino AIDS Awareness Day (October 15) and World AIDS Day (December 1).

HHS' Office of Minority Health and Office of HIV/AIDS Policy encourage organizations and individuals to hold events locally, write letters to newspaper editors or get their communities involved in HIV/AIDS observance activities. These toolkits play an instrumental role in helping local organizations bring attention to their events, which can equip communities with the education and resources to fight HIV infection and encourage the testing and treatment needed to help people live longer, healthier lives.

This new toolkit is part of a revamped "HIV/AIDS Observances" section on our Web site at www.omhrc.gov/hivaidsobservances/. This newly redesigned section features information about the five observances and will be updated two months prior to each event. Plus, the information will remain available for one year after the event for a quick reference source.

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Director of National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Encourages Minority Groups to Join in Fight Against HIV/AIDS

During the seventh annual HIV Vaccine Awareness Day on May 18, Dr. Anthony S. Fauci, director of the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), issued a statement urging all minority groups to actively participate in HIV vaccine trials.

Dr. Fauci said that it is crucial for minorities to participate in this phase of HIV research so that an eventual vaccine has the greatest chance of being effective in all segments of the population, regardless of race, ethnicity or gender. Future trials will require more volunteers than ever before, and those individuals must be representative of the most-affected communities, Dr. Fauci said.

HIV is the number one killer of African American men between the ages of 25 and 44 and the third leading cause of death among Latinos between the ages of 35 and 44. It is also the third leading cause of death among all women between the ages of 25 and 44.

This year's theme for HIV Vaccine Awareness Day was "Real People, Real Progress," and honored the thousands of volunteers and researchers involved in the search for effective preventive HIV vaccines.

To read more, [click here](#).

For information about HIV Vaccine Awareness Day, including a list of participating organizations, visit www.aidsinfo.nih.gov, or call 1-800-HIV-0440.

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Stroke Belt Elimination Initiative Web Site Now Features "Frequently Asked Questions"

To supplement the NIH's National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute [Stroke Belt Elimination Initiative](#) funding announcement, a new Web page has been published featuring the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) of applicants interested in helping eliminate the burden of stroke in the southeastern "Stroke Belt" states of Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee.

The new FAQs contain questions such as, "Does the lead agency have to be located within the geographic area to be served by the project?" and address criteria such as the "enabling ring" concept, SBCAT and SBRAT and other issues key to the cooperative agreement. ([Click here](#) to jump to the FAQ section.)

[Click here](#) for more information about the NHLBI's Stroke Belt Elimination Initiative funding.

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President Bush Signs American Indian and Alaska Native Education Executive Order

In a special ceremony at the White House on April 30, President George W. Bush signed an Executive Order on American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) Education that recognizes the distinct and culturally related academic needs of AIAN students consistent with the unique political relationship between the federal and Tribal governments. The order will help AIAN students to meet the standards of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 by calling for stronger accountability, greater flexibility in the use of federal funds and an emphasis on curricula that respects AIAN students' values.

The executive order also establishes a federal inter-agency working group that will develop a comprehensive federal plan for improving Native American student performance to meet the standards established in the No Child Left Behind Act. One of the goals is to develop and enhance the capacity of tribal governments, Tribal universities and colleges, schools and educational programs serving Native students and communities to carry out education research alone and in partnership with non-tribal institutions.

To read more about this executive order, [click here](#).

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HHS Will Launch New Program Supporting Physical Activity for Children and Youth with Disabilities

On May 26, 2004, HHS Secretary Tommy G. Thompson announced the start of "I Can Do It, You Can Do It," a program to support good health and physical activity for the six million American children and youth who have disabilities. More than 50 national organizations have joined in the initiative, which is being led by HHS' Office on Disability, in collaboration with the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports (PCPFS).

Through the initiative, partner organizations will help bring together physically fit mentors with young people with disabilities to help increase appropriate physical activity and good nutritional habits.

According to Surgeon General Richard Carmona, the efforts are necessary considering that young people with disabilities are at risk for many complicating diseases and conditions that can come with inactivity. Participating organizations include American Academy of Pediatrics, American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, American Association of People with Disabilities, American Council of the Blind, American Therapeutic Recreation Association, Diabetes and Wellness Foundation, National Alliance for Accessible Golf, National Association for the Deaf, National Association of State Directors of Special Education and many others.

Participants in the program will be eligible to earn awards sponsored by the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, the "Presidential Active Lifestyle Award" and the "Presidential Champions Award."

To read a press release about this program, [click here](#).

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What's New on Our Web site

Funding and Training Opportunities

- HHS, CDC: [Community Preparation for Tuberculosis \(TB\) Vaccine Trials](#)
- BCBS [Funding Available](#) for Greater Minnesota Health Services Organizations
- RFA for [Grants for National Technical Assistance Centers on Consumer/Peer-Run Programs](#)
- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Invites Proposals for [Active Living Research Program](#)
- American Indian and Native Alaskan [Incremental Development Projects: Community Services Block Grant Program](#)
- [Postdoctoral Fellowship Training Program in Infectious Diseases](#)
- National Cancer Institute [Cooperative Agreement to Reduce Health Disparities](#)
- HHS, CDC: [Enhancing State Capacity to Address Child and Adolescent Health](#) through Violence Prevention
- HHS, SAMHSA: [RFA for Cooperative Agreements](#) for Ecstasy and Other Club Drugs Prevention Services
- [California Wellness Foundation](#) Offers Nonprofit Health Sector Sabbatical Grants
- IWES Reproductive Health Advocacy Program Training Opportunity [for Medical Students of Color](#)
- HHS, SAMHSA: [RFA for Minority Fellowship Program Grants](#)
- [PacifiCare Latino Health Scholars Program](#) to Award Scholarships to Bilingual, Bicultural Students
- [CampusRN/AACN Nursing Scholarship Fund](#) Inviting Applications
- Dana Foundation Announces [New Guidelines for Brain and Immune System Imaging Research Program](#)
- [Skin Cancer Foundation](#) Invites Applications for Research Grants Program
- New RFP: [Access to Electronic Health Information From NNLM](#)
- [HHS Cultural Competence and Health Disparities Academic Award](#)
- [Community-Partnered Interventions to Reduce Health Disparities](#)
- [HHS Knowledge Dissemination Conference Grants Program Announcement](#)

Special Announcements, Web Sites & Resources

- [New Document Available](#) from May 3, 2004 "Building Healthy Environments to Eliminate Health Disparities" Symposium
- [FirstGov en Español](#) Official US Government Web Portal in Spanish
- President Issues Proclamation for [Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month, 2004](#)

Conferences and Symposia

- [Annual Illinois Immunization and Communicable Disease Conference](#)
- [10th Annual South Texas Family Support Conference](#) (Bilingual Conference)
- [2004 National Health Care for the Homeless \(HCH\) Conference](#)
- Call For Conference Abstracts for [Community-Campus Partnerships for Health Conference](#)

For Your Information

- NIAID Forms Network to Tackle [Potentially Fatal Reaction to Small Pox Vaccine](#)
- [Imaging Study Shows Brain Maturing](#)
- NICHD Funded Researchers [Discover Gene for Cornelia De Lange Syndrome](#)

AIDS/HIV

- [Weekly Cycles of Once-Daily](#) Anti-HIV Drugs Could Reduce Cost of HIV Treatment
- [NMAC's "Organizational Effectiveness Series" Now Available Online](#)

Sampling of New Publications Available at the Resource Center

Note: Please see the Knowledge Center's New Acquisitions page on our Web site for information on how to obtain copies. Go to: <http://www.omhrc.gov/omhrc/kc/kcacquisitions.htm>

African Americans

- Getting Connected: African Americans Living Beyond Breast Cancer
- I Will Survive: The African American Guide to Healing from Sexual Assault and Abuse
- The State of Black America 2004: The Complexity of Black Progress

American Indians

- Facing Cancer in Indian Country: the Yakama Nation and Pacific Northwest Tribes: President's Cancer Panel 2002 Annual Report
- Final Report on the Alaska Traditional Diet Survey
- Indigenous Women's Health Book, Within the Sacred Circle
- Trends in Indian Health, 2000-2001 (Brochure also available)

Cancer

- Lung Cancer: Making Sense of Diagnosis, Treatment and Options
- Making Cancer Health Disparities History: Report of the Trans-HHS Cancer Health Disparities Progress Review Group
- Prayer, Laughter and Broccoli

Cultural Competence

- Caring for Our Elders: Multicultural Experiences with Nursing Home Placement
- Counseling American Minorities (6th Edition)
- Cultural Competence in Health Care: Is It Important for People with Chronic Conditions?
- Health Literacy Tool Kit: A Comprehensive Resource for Policy-Makers
- Manual for Medical Interpreters in Clinical Settings: English/Spanish

Domestic Violence

- To Be an Anchor in the Storm

Funding

- 2004 Grant Opportunities Notebook
- Hidden in Plain Sight: A Look at the \$335 Billion Federal Asset-Building Budget (Summary and Full Report)

Health Disparities

- Bridging Language and Culture Gaps in the Workplace (Issue Brief)
- Reducing Health Disparities: Why and How Companies Are Making It Their Business (Issue Brief)
- Tackling Health Inequalities: Turning Policy into Practice

Health Policy

- Addressing Health Disparities in Community Settings: A Funding Guide
- Clarifying Health Impact Assessment, Integrated Impact Assessment and Health Needs Assessment
- The Economics of Priority Setting for Health Care
- Foundation for Progress: Strengthening the Infrastructure. Report to Congress
- Making Collaboration Work to Prevent HIV Infection among Youth in High-Risk Situations: A Meeting of Federal Agencies and National Non-Governmental Organizations
- Who, When, and How: the Current State of Race, Ethnicity, and Primary Language Data Collection in Hospitals
- Women's Access to Care: A State-Level Analysis of Key Health Policies

Hepatitis

- Living with Hepatitis C: A Survivor's Guide (3rd Revised Edition)

Hispanics

- 2003 United States Hispanic Leadership Institute Conference
- The Hispanic Databook (2nd Edition)

HIV Infection

- 2004 National HIV/AIDS Update Conference
- The AIDS Pandemic in the 21st Century
- All the Pieces: Making Antiviral Choices Count
- AmfAR Global Link: A Guide to International HIV/AIDS Research, Treatment and Clinical Trials (Summer 2003, vol. 2, no.1)
- Blood Lines: A View into the Souls of HIV+ Youth
- Caring for Persons Living with HIV/AIDS on Guam: Needs Assessment Report and Guam HIV/AIDS Care Plan
- Caring Inside the Wall: HIV Treatment in the Correctional Setting
- Double Jeopardy: Clinical Management of the HIV/Hepatitis C Co-Infected Patient
- Healing Begins Here: A Pastor's Guidebook for HIV/AIDS Ministry through the Church
- HIV/AIDS in the United States Pacific Island Jurisdictions: A Compilation of Reports
- HIV Resistance Testing: A Case-Based Overview for Clinical Practice
- Life Is What You Make It: Live Life!
- Little Secret
- Meeting the Needs of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered, and Questioning (GLBTQ) Youth
- Men's Health: Tune-Up for Life. Live Smarter, Live Healthier
- National Institutes of Health Fiscal Year 2004 Plan for HIV-Related Research
- Nukes! [Nucleosidos!]
- Organizational Effectiveness Series
- Pregnant and Positive: Issues in Clinical Care and Support
- Ready, Set, Go! Planning Your First 90 Days on Treatment (Facilitator's Kit)
- The Secret Epidemic: The Story of AIDS and Black America
- State and Territorial Minority HIV/AIDS Demonstration Grant Program
- Staying Strong: HIV Medications and Your Body/Manteniendose Fuerte
- Stop and Think: Choosing Your First Treatment Regimen (Facilitator's Kit)
- Taking Control: Adherence and HIV/AIDS Medication
- Teacher Training: Essential for School-Based Reproductive Health and HIV/AIDS Education. Focus on Sub-Saharan Africa
- Technical Assistance and Capacity Development Demonstration Program for HIV/AIDS-Related Services in Minority Communities
- This Is My Reality: The Price of Sex (Summary)
- What Are Injection Drug Users' (IDU) HIV Prevention Needs?
- What Is the Effect of HIV Treatment on HIV Prevention?

Homeless

- Health Care for the Homeless Grantee Profiles 2003-2004 (Directory)

Palliative Care

- In the Face of Pain: Pain Management Advocacy Toolkit

Rural Health

- Grantee Sustainability in the Rural Health Outreach Grant Program
- Measuring Rural Hospital Quality (Working Paper Series)

Spanish Language Materials

- Como Afectan la Redes Sexuales a la Prevencion del VIH/ETS? [How Do Sexual Networks Affect HIV/STD Prevention?]
- Creando Nuestro Futuro: Apego a los Medicamentos del VIH/SIDA [Taking Control: Adherence and HIV/AIDS Medication]

- Cual Es el Papel de la Familia en la Prevencion del VIH? [What is the Role of the Family in HIV Prevention?]
- Estigma y Diferencia Social: VIH/SIDA en Puerto Rico [Stigma and Social Differences: HIV/AIDS in Puerto Rico]
- Glosario del VIH/SIDA [Glossary of HIV/AIDS Related Terms] (4th edition)
- La Muchas Caras del VIH [The Many Faces of HIV]
- Todas la Piezas del Rompecabezas: La Importancia de la Eleccion de los Antivirales [All the Pieces: Making Antiviral Choices Count]
- VIH, El Embarazo y AZT: Su Salud, Su Bebe, Su Decision [HIV, Pregnancy and AZT: Your Health, Your Baby, Your Decision]

Statistical Data

- America's Health: State Health Rankings (2003 Edition)
 - Health Data Matrix on the U.S. Pacific Basin Jurisdiction 2002
 - Health, United States, 2003. Special Excerpt: Trend Tables on 65 and Older Population
 - National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey: 2002 Emergency Department Summary [Advance Data No. 340, March 18, 2004]
 - Oregon Vital Statistics Annual Report 2002. Volume I: Natality, Induced Terminations of Pregnancy, Teen Pregnancy
 - Risk and Protective Factors for Adolescent Drug Use: Findings from the 1999 National Household Survey on Drug Abuse
 - Trends in Characteristics of Births by State: United States, 1990, 1995, and 2000-2002.
 - Trends and Differences in Cardiovascular Health among Mexican-American and Non-Hispanic White Populations
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